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Armenians are distributed over the world as follows:

1.065,000 live in Soviet Armenia 310,000 in Georgia

250,000 in Azerbaijan, and

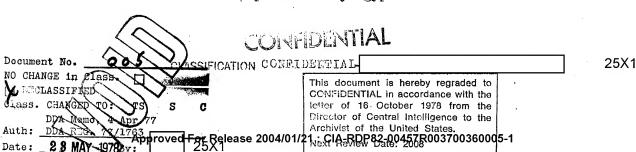
living in France)

2.665,000 Total 1.000,000 are dispersed over all the world (about 75.000

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A more detailed list cannot be given as all previous statistics were invalidated as a result of the recent repatriations.

- 2. a. After Jorld Jar II the Soviets caused a large-scale repatriation of Armenians to Soviet Armenia, with the government of YEREVAN granting all immigrants freedom from duties on articles such as furniture, personal property, machines and instruments. The repatriatees were even advised to buy machines and instruments and import them. The government covers 50 percent of the costs for houses which are being built by repatriatees and, in addition, grants loans to be amortised after fifteen years. Repatriatees to Soviet Armenia immediately become Soviet nationals.
 - The chief argument of the boviet propaganda abroad is that only the Seviet Union preserved an Armenian home for the Armenians and saved at least a remainder of the former Armenian country for them.
 - c. Five thousand Armenians are said to have returned from France and 20,000 Armenians returned to the coviet Union from Syria and Lebanon between 29 June and 5 October 1946. Forty thousand armenians returned from the Balkan countries in 1946. A total of 90,000 arménians was repatriated in 1947. Increasing hate towards foreigners forced the Armenians to leave the Arabian countries, particularly Egypt.



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